

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re*: STRIKE BY STUDENTS OF JAWAHARLAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, BELGAUM

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—I call the attention of the Minister for Health and Housing to the strike by the students of Jawaharlal Medical College, Belgaum.

† **Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Minister for Health and Housing).—As per information conveyed by the Dean, J. N. Medical College, Belgaum, the students had struck work on 18th March 1968 on the grouse that the tuition fee for refresher students should be at the rate of Rs. 100 per subject, subject to a maximum of Rs. 300 for the term and not Rs. 625 for the term for all the subjects. It appears that they have agreed to the rate of Rs. 625 for all the subjects and Rs. 312 for part examination when exemption is secured in one or more subjects.

They have been attending the classes from Monday the 25th March 1968 and there has been no trouble or agitation at present.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE *re*: DEATHS DUE TO CHOLERA IN KOLAR DISTRICT

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—I call the attention of the Minister for Health and Housing to the deaths due to Cholera in Kolar District.

† **Sri K. PUTTASWAMY** (Minister for Health and Housing).—Cholera infection was noticed in Kolar Town on 3rd April 1968. So far there have been 54 attacks with 4 deaths. Kolar Town has a population of 36,000 (estimated mid-year population 67). So far 21,623 Anti Cholera inoculations have been done in the infected and surrounding areas of the Town. Other measures like effective chlorination of drinking water sources, insecticidal spraying of localities to control fly breeding, strict sanitary control over Eating Houses, Sulphaguanadine prophylaxis of contacts have all been undertaken promptly. The infected houses have been disinfected.

The Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, Kolar, has been requested to :

- (1) to notify Kolar Town as threatened with outbreak of Cholera under Section 77 (i) (B) of the Mysore Public Health Act, 1944,
- 2) to close all the Hotels, Coffee Clubs, Eating Houses and to permit catering to permanent boarders under strict supervision, under Section 68 of the Mysore Public Health Act, 1944.

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- (3) to prohibit sale of cut fruits, sweets and other cooked food articles exposed to flies and dust.
- (4) to prohibit the Karaga festival in Kolar Town to be held on 13th April 1968 under Section 76 Part II of the Mysore Public Health Act, 1954.
- (5) to prohibit weekly shandy in Kolar Town.

There is sufficient amount of drugs, vaccine and other requirements to undertake both preventive and curative measures. All the patients are isolated and treated at the S.V.R. Hospital, Kolar, by putting additional beds etc., additional staff like Nurses and Midwives have been posted for purposes of undertaking treatment. Additional staff have also been posted for undertaking preventive measures briskly.

CALL ATTENTION NOTICE re: HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDER STORM IN NIPANI AREA

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue and Forests to heavy rain and thunderstorm in Nipani area in Chikodi Taluk, Belgaum District.

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—There were rains and thunderstorm in the evenings of 2nd March and 3rd March 1968 round about Nipani Town. At about 8 P.M. in the evening of 3rd March, a group of persons were returning from the fields to Chikalawal village. At that time, when these persons were at a distance of about two to three furlongs from Chikalawal village on the northern side, there was a thunderbolt on account of which one person named Smt. Ambubai, W/o Sakharan Patil died on the spot and one other person named Smt. Laxmi Bai, W/o Bacharam Shinde, who was seriously injured, died after half-an-hour in her house. A third person named Smt. Bhondubai W/o Krishna Patil was removed to the hospital at Nipani where she was treated and is now improving.

The Tahsildar, Chikodi visited the village on 4th March 1968, enquired into the matter and submitted a report to the District Magistrate, Belgaum, through the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chikodi.

There has been no death of sheep nor loss to the agriculturists on account of the rains and thunderstorm round about Nipani or anywhere else in Chikodi Taluk. According to the Tahsildar, no relief from Government to the families of the deceased persons is found to be necessary.